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Annual Rail Jam - Chamberlin Productions

Streets rumble, windows shatter and the firmament rises. Cold steel and rebar shall sprout from deep, hungry fissures. Fear not the mighty beast that approaches to spew style and frost upon the teeming masses, the Chamberlin Rail Jam this way comes. The annual eruption of unequivocal skills is primed and ready to climb above the clouds to its own tremulous war cry. Let us echo this cry together as shredders and shreddettes hone their bones upon the stark framework of rails and slice the electric mountain air.

This year's competition is set to crush the expectations of the past two years into fine pink goo. Two days of hip hop, funk, riding, giveaways, bonfires, hoo-kahs, hot tubs, bar specials, video games and a huge rail-sliding colossus transformation await those smart enough to attend. March 5th and 6th at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds will be ground zero for the Winter athletic event of the year.

Rail - Jam ... **those two words bring many things to mind: snow sports, loud music, energy drinks, yearly epic competition, Amtrak congestion, etc.** Barring that last example, you have just passed the word-association section of the Chamberlin Rail Jam 2010.

This year is larger, stronger and this year is liminary heats for snow-skiing will be held on the the 6th, with incredible



this year is yours. The pre-boarding and 5th and finals on music on the Ze-

bra Main Stage. Modifyde, Black Mask and the GZA will rock the prelims on Friday, followed by Cure for the Common, the Chicharones and Bassnectar for the final heat.

For more information and tickets visit www.chamberlinproductions.com. Tickets are also on sale at Cactus Records, MSU Bookstore and Murdoch's.

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WinterFest Volunteers

WinterFest wouldn't be possible without all the wonderful volunteers that help out. A "SPECIAL THANK YOU" to Kim Buchanan, County Treasurer who spent many hours in our office balancing our admission gates and her helpers; Anita Malmquist - IT Dept. and Denise Stahl - Treasurer's Office. Another big "THANK YOU" to other Gallatin County employees who stepped up to help at the gates: Amy Waring - Compliance Office; Megan Peterson and Sandra Schnurbusch - Clerk & Records Office.

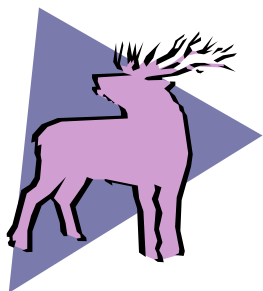
And ALL those who diligently remain on the WinterFest Committee that volunteer their time to help plan and organize all the great events at this community event. **THANK YOU TO ALL!!**

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Cabin Fever Gun Show



MARCH 12 - **14** ... The Cabin Fever Gun Show put on by Bozeman Trail Promotions begins Friday, March 12 and runs through Sunday, March 14. There are collectors and dealers from all over the United States. This show offers hunting firearms, western collectibles, rifles, six shooters, wildlife and western art and antiques. All items are for sale or trade. With over 300 booths, this show is NOT just for men!

Gun Show Hours

Friday: 5pm - 8pm

Saturday: 9am - 6pm

Sunday: 9am - 3pm

Reach Inc. Special Olympics Team

Reach Inc. is a nonprofit that has been serving adults with developmental disabilities since 1974. Reach provides vocational, residential and transportation services to over 100 individuals in the local area. For over 30 years Reach has had a Special Olympics team. The Reach team practices and competes in area and state games in a variety of sports. The sports that the Reach team participates in are aquatics, athletics, swimming and golf. Practices are held in a variety of locations throughout the Bozeman community. The Reach Special Olympics golf team uses the Fairgrounds event buildings for golf practice in the early spring when there is still snow on the ground. Once the snow melts the team gets to practice at a local golf course. The area games are held locally every year but the state games rotate locations every three years. For the last two years the state games have been here in Bozeman. This year will be the last year it will be in Bozeman for many years until it rotates back again.



Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament is being held in the exhibit buildings at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, **March 6th and 7th from 8am to 4pm.** Otherwise known as the “State Shoot”, the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament provides 4-H Shooting Sports members with an opportunity to participate in a fun and educational competitive match in archery, air rifle, air pistol and small bore rifle. This tournament is open to all 4-H members enrolled in the above disciplines in shooting sports. The tournament is also the qualifying event for teens 14 years and up, hoping to compete at the National 4-H Tournament in air rifle, air pistol or small bore. Archery and other disciplines have separate qualifying matches.



Shooting Sports is the 4th largest 4-H project in Montana with over 2,600 youth enrolled annually in the combined disciplines of archery, hunting, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle and shotgun. Some members join 4-H Shooting Sports to compete while others join to improve their skill level. Every responsible young person is welcome in 4-H Shooting Sports where they learn safety, leadership, sportsmanship, decision making and technical skills.

Each county 4-H Shooting Sports program must be conducted under the supervision of volunteers who have attended a 4-H training workshop. These workshops are offered three times a year in various locations across the state. Each workshop includes a three-hour session covering the philosophies and policies of Montana 4-H and an eight-hour session of discipline training. Upon completion of the course, volunteers receive a certificate that allows them to administer a 4-H Shooting Sports in their county but only in the discipline in which they received training. Volunteers may only be certified in one discipline per training, but may attend as many trainings as they wish. Certification is valid for seven years if the volunteer remains active in 4-H Shooting Sports. A two-year lapse in participation requires recertification to continue as a 4-H volunteer.

MARCH Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Mar 5 & 6	Rail Jam - Chamberlin Productions <i>(www.chamberlinproductions.com for info)</i>	5pm - 10pm	Fairgrounds Midway
Mar 4	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	1:15pm - 3pm	Fairgrounds Office
	Fairgrounds Foundation Meeting - Cancelled		
Mar 6 & 7	State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament <i>(Public hrs: Sat. 8am - 6pm; Sun. 8am - 4pm)</i>		All Exhibit Bldgs
Mar 11	Fair Planning Committee Meeting - Cancelled		
Mar 12-14	Cabin Fever Gun Show -Bozeman Trail Promotions <i>(Adults \$5 all weekend & children \$1)</i>	5pm - 8pm Fri 9am - 6pm Sat 9am - 3pm Sun	All Exhibit Bldgs
Mar 14	Fun Match - Galloping Dog Agility Club	12pm - 3pm	Indoor Arena
Mar 16	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Mar 18	Wild West WinterFest - Cancelled		
Mar 20	Optimist Garage-A-Rama & Pancake Breakfast <i>(Admission \$2 w/Breakfast \$6)</i>	7am - 3pm	All Exhibit Bldgs
Mar 26-28	Universal Athletics Warehouse Sale	9am - 9pm Fri 9am - 6pm Sat 11am - 5pm Sun	Bldg #1

More information is available at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org







WINTERFEST RESULTS




















Photos and results from all WinterFest contests and
 events can be found on our website:
www.wildwestwinterfest.org



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You need it ... We got it at the Universal Athletic Bonanza Warehouse Sale, Exhibit Building #1 March 26 - 28 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Tamarack Street behind County Market.



GARAGE-A-RAMA - PANCAKE BREAKFAST



To donate items and arrange pickup:
Ann Gilbert, 582-9034.

There will be an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast,
a Buffalo Burger Lunch & Silent Auction

Breakfast provided by Luzenac, a Rio Tinto Minerals Company
& Breakfast Optimist Club of Bozeman.

43RD ANNUAL GARAGARAMA

Breakfast Optimist Club of Bozeman

Holiday Inn



Saturday, March 20th,
Gallatin County
Fairgrounds
8am-3pm



If you would like to be an exhibitor, complete this reservation form and submit it along
with \$65 today! We'll supply the space, one meal ticket, 2 tables and two chairs.
Plus, you'll get a free five-line classified ad. All you need to do is bring your stuff!

Garagarama Reservation Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I have enclosed \$65.00 for a 10'x10' booth. These are the items I
would like to list in my ad:

Send To: Garagarama

C/O Business Professionals of America
Bozeman High School
205 N. 11th, Bozeman, MT 59715
522-6217

(Checks payable to Bozeman Breakfast Optimist)

Marketing Minute - A Big Thank You to Our Partners!



Thanks to everyone who came out to the 2010 Wild West WinterFest. We had a fantastic turnout with over 10,000 visitors coming through the gate. Activities for all ages, great Winter-Fest food and awesome local music helped get us out of the house and enjoy some Winter-time FUN. This event would not be possible without our sponsors. Please thank them by supporting them and make sure to tell them "THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS GREAT WINTER COMMUNITY EVENT!"

*Jaime Cargill
Sponsorship Manager*

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO ALL THOSE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED THE COMMUNITY AND THE WILD WEST WINTERFEST.



Ag Depot	Manhattan Bank
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Cashman Nursery	Olivelle
Cellular Plus	Outside Bozeman
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Gases Plus	Simply Office Supplies
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FairEver Yours ... Wild West WinterFest

"There is no such thing as too much fun" but we all came close to proving that quote wrong at the 2010 Wild West WinterFest. Those attending experienced nonstop wintertime fun! The weather made it a bit easier to enjoy some of the outdoor events, but did contribute to the slush, mud, slippery ice and huge pot holes (normal for Montana winters). Well over 10,000 people attended WinterFest this year enjoying events like the Dog Keg Pull, All Breeds Horse Sale, Working Horse and Driver Contest, Cattle Sorting, Packers' Scramble and Battle of the Breeds. The Quilt, Photography and Children's Art Shows had great entries and viewing was amazing. The Farm Barn and Petting Zoo were extremely popular with the families as was the Rabbit and Poultry Barn. The Gallatin Fairgrounds Foundation held their first ever Bar-B-Q dinner fundraiser on Friday night and everyone raved about the food. It turned out very well for the Foundation which means it was good for the Fairgrounds. The Frontier Mercantile offered everything from health care products to western baby clothes, pine furniture, spine evaluations and memberships in various local organizations.

While attending WinterFest there was never a reason to be hungry. Posse Burgers, great burritos, wonderful Hawaiian Noodles, Kettle Corn and Fudge Puppies were easy to find. The kids loved the balloon animals, the stick horse rodeo and the cookie decorating. The All Star Dog Team was a great hit. This was their first official performance but you will be seeing them at events around our County from now on. Of course everyone enjoyed the other dog events such as the Puppy Parade, Adolescent Parade, Agility, Teacup Agility, Flyball, Dog Tricks and Dog Dancing. The Doxie Derby was the best ever, especially since it was the first ever at the WinterFest. The Chili Cook-Off was mouth watering good. You only had to walk into the building to know you weren't leaving until you sampled each and every chili that was being cooked. The horse drawn wagon rides on Saturday were wonderful. They allowed you to get from one end of the Fairgrounds to the other without worrying about getting your boots all wet or muddy.

This year the WinterFest featured all local entertainment and it was fabulous. On Friday evening Ten Foot Tall and 80 Proof played while several hundred WinterFest visitors danced. Saturday featured our local Gallatin Valley Accordion Ensemble, Tanya's Dance Company's Irish Dancers and a youth fiddling group - Fiddle Dundee. Saturday night Western Skies played to a crowd of dancers that was not unlike the crowds at the old grange dances. There were Moms and Dads, brothers and sisters, grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles out on the floor kicking up their heels. That really is what WinterFest is all about. It's a mid-winter event for families and friends. It's a good time to get out of the house, enjoy some of the things that make where we live so interesting and experience southwestern Montana, where the people are friendly, the weather unreliable, the animals are numerous, the mud is deep, the pot holes are swimming pools and the fun comes in all shapes and sizes.

The 2010 Wild West WinterFest has just barely closed its gates and the volunteers are already working on 2011. If you have any suggestions we are always ready to hear them. So far we have suggestions to bring back a Draft Pull and a Ski Joring event. Do you have other ideas???? Let us hear from you!

Thank you to all our great volunteers, sponsors, vendors, critters and a special thank you to all of you who attended the 2010 Wild West WinterFest.

*Sue Shockley
Fairgrounds Manager*



Downtown Bozeman Moment of Silence

The Downtown Bozeman Partnership is inviting the community of Bozeman, Montana to participate in a moment of silence at 10am on March 5th, 2010 to honor and remember the losses experienced on March 5th, 2009, as a result of the downtown Bozeman explosion.

If you are in Downtown Bozeman at 10am on March 5th, 2010, you are encouraged to step outside your office or place of business and onto Main Street in order to share in this moment with your neighbors.

If you are not located in downtown, please observe this moment of silence regardless of your location.

The massive explosion and subsequent fire on March 5, 2009 that destroyed a significant portion of the 200 block of East Main Street, will be remembered as not only the most dramatic event of 2009 but most certainly of the decade and perhaps in the entire history of downtown. The catastrophic event destroyed five buildings and damaged many more. Ten businesses suffered losses and were displaced. And most tragic, a precious life was lost.

With a ground swell of community support, downtown and Bozeman immediately began putting the pieces back together. To date, the American Legion has already begun to rebuild. Plans have been submitted for the **F&H Building, future home to the Rockin' R Bar, the Pickle Barrel, and a new location for Santa Fe Red's. Others are finalizing plans for their new buildings.** Many of the other businesses have relocated and reopened or are planning to do so soon. By the 2nd anniversary of the explosion every displaced business hopes to be back in operation; a truly impressive feat.

Ellie Staley, Program Director
Downtown Bozeman Partnership

Gallatin County Fair—Dates to Remember



Mark your calendars! The Fairgrounds Office staff have to plan ahead to get everything done on time. Here are a few Fair dates to remember:

Sponsorship deadlines are May 15—Contact Jaime Cargill at 406-582-3275 or jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov.

Commercial Exhibitor & Food Vendor applications will be emailed, mailed and on the web the end of March/beginning of April. To be added to the contact list, call the Fairgrounds Office at 406-582-3270 or email fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov.

Gallatin County Fair entries for most contests and open class exhibits will begin June 1.

A graphic with the text "SPRING ahead" in a stylized font. Above the text are a clock, a yellow butterfly, and a pink flower.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th.

A graphic with the word "Spring" in a cursive font. Above the text are a dragonfly, a cluster of purple flowers, and a tulip.

First Day of Spring is March 20th.